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"A Sense of Belonging"

"So then you are no longer strangers, but fellow citizens with every other Christian and members of God's household." [Ephesians 2:19]

At Fowler Baptist Church we see new faces in attendance on a regular basis. This is not the case in most churches across New York's North Country. Even so, it's one thing to witness visitors in our church and quite another to have them become faithful participants and members of our body life. I frequently hear it said that our church is very friendly, but being cozy with one another may actually cause us to be cold to outsiders. There's a world of difference in being "friendly" and enabling people to develop friendships.

Now, perhaps more so than at any other time in our history, Americans are seeking relationships. As a result of the weakened economy, relocation necessitated by health or employment, changing work conditions, ethnic background, marital status, etc. increasing numbers of people in our society feel alienated.

And so the task and opportunity of the Fowler Baptist Church is to introduce Christ into people's lives even as their stability is crumbling.

Experts tell us that people need to gain at least seven significant relationships within the first six months of attending a church if they are to have a meaningful experience. At the same time they must be brought to an understanding of God, forgiveness, salvation, the power of prayer, the purpose of the church and the importance of God's Word. New believers should be supported in developing good spiritual habits and breaking free of problem behaviors.

Transforming visitors into committed believers means that we must nurture them through regular worship, discovering of their spiritual gifts, being part of a small group, providing opportunities of service and introducing them to new friends. We must be intentional about inviting people who are new to the church and to Christ to join us in the many faith-building, affinity, social and service groups which are available at the Fowler Baptist Church--groups like: *American Baptist Women, Knit-wits, Life Groups, Men's Tool Time, Military Connection, Morning Song, Recovery Corner, Straight Forward and Women's Book Study*. Then and only then will guests "no longer be strangers, but fellow-citizens with every other Christian and members of God's household."

Jerry Springston

FAIR BOOTH 2009

“Fear Not. Jesus is the Light” is our 2009 fair booth theme. We ask you to join the committee in prayer for the evangelical outreach at the Gouverneur & St Lawrence County Fair, Aug. 3-9.

Right now you can begin to help:

- 1) Pray
- 2) Make a poster using the theme. They decorate the booth with God’s word. (see Noreen Boclair for details)
- 3) Put tracts on the stuffed animals. Stamp Fowler Baptist Church on all materials to be passed out.

The 25th of July will be the work day at church. Many hands make light work. This is a good time for the kids to help. Everyone is welcome.

There are many way you can serve the Lord so watch for the sign up sheets.

- 1) Prayer Warriors- those who turn their eyes to Jesus and pray for the Lord to meet fairgoers where they are to bring them closer to Him using the outreach of the fair booth. Please pray that the laborers in the booth can find the right words to say.
- 2) 2) Laborers in the booth- those who put their feet to their prayers and *“shine their light”* during three hour shifts throughout the week. Yes, they give away Bibles, balloons and stuffed animals and ask people to vote in the poster contest, but their main objective is to shine for Jesus.

The “give-a-ways” are piling up in the balcony closet, Bibles, color books, “how-to books”, and devotionals, along with the stuffed animals. The tracts have been ordered.

God bless each of you for the part you take in making the fair booth run smoothly with the Love of God shining through for all to see. Thank you for your continued payer support for this ministry.

God Bless each of you and all you do.

Karen Hunter

New Telephone Number

Your Church written by Ruth Tait

If your church means as much to you as my church means to me,

There is no place when Sunday comes that you would rather be.

It is a fortress where the weak and fearful can grow strong.

It is a place of beauty, peace, love, dignity and song.

It is a refuge from the world. It's greatest challenge too.

You help the church by being there,

But the one most helped is you.

Nature Notes

I have been asked to talk about Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac. I can talk about them until the end of the day but I will tell you we will still be confused about the ivy. It is about the greatest master of adaptation we have. It is a vine, a shrub or ground cover. It will be mixed in with some very innocent plants. One good thing about it is there are no thorns. The berries are always white and in drooping clusters. Birds seem to be able to eat them with out any effects and they spread the plant when they eat them and they pass through the digestive process elsewhere. This is a seed that needs stratification so the partnership is a beneficial one. (To the plant that is) the leaves of the poison ivy can be smooth or tooth, usually in groups of three. They can be as variable as the site of growth. Hairless or slightly hairless, glossy or dull, toothless or saw toothed, and variously lobed. End leaflets pointed, longer stalked than side pair. The plant grows just about anywhere from the poorest soil to the rich woodland duff. After frost the leaves will be a bright red. I'm sorry to be so confusing, but I told you this would happen. Just be watchful and remember, leaves of three, leave it be.

Poison oak is similar but always erect and the leaflets hairy, often lobed like a oak leaf. It is found in thickets and woods.

Poison Sumac is a shrub or small tree with leaves 6 – 12 inches long, with 7 – 13 pointed, toothless leaflets. Twigs and buds are hairless the bark is smooth, dark, speckled with dark spots. The spreading or drooping clusters of small, ivory white berries. The story to remember for identifying this shrub from the staghorn sumac is the staghorn is proud of itself and its many virtues and the berries stand upright proudly while the poison sumac is ashamed of being poison and droops beneath the leaves to hide. It is mostly found in

wet, swampy areas. It is actually more virulent than poison ivy. But we are less apt to be in its habitat than the poison ivy.

The instances of getting any of these dermatitis causing oils on us is very slim, but a quick thinking wash of soap and warm water is good as is using the juice of touch-me-not, that grows close to these ivies . Keep your cloths separate and wash as soon as possible. Our dogs often bring the oil to us and hunting dogs are really carriers. Enjoy your summer and be thankful for Gods bounty. Share your knowledge, it is one of the few things you can give away and still be richer.

THANK YOU

Congratulations!

East Side Elementary School Academic Awards

David McCloud

Mark Dunkelberg

Jordan McCloud

Gabriella Dunkelberg

SUNY Plattsburgh Dean's List

Sarah Hunter

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Dan & Tina Mullins- anniv 7:00p Bible study @ church	2 6:30p Edwards Life Group Tebo's	3	4
5 Donna Atkinson- B'day 7:00p Recovery Corner	6 Rachel Campbell- B'day 6:00p Trustee Meeting	7 7:00p Deacons Meeting	8 7:00p Bible study @ church	9 6:30p Edwards Life Group Tebo's	10	11
12 7:00p Recovery Corner	13	14 Don Campbell- B'day	15 Beth Siebles- B'day 7:00p Bible study @ church	16 6:30p Edwards Life Group Tebo's	17	18
19 Alayna Davison- B'day Pastor Jerry & Terri's last day 7:00p Recovery Corner	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 Mike & Noreen Boclair- anniv Luke Dunkelberg- B'day	22 7:00p Bible study @ church	23 6:30p Edwards Life Group Tebo's	24	25 Tying of tracks for Fair Booth @ church
26 Camp Vick departure 2:00p Kinney's Nursing Home 7:00p Recovery Corner	27 Daren Crist- B'day	28 Mike Boclair- B'day	29 7:00p Bible study @ church	30 6:30p Edwards Life Group Tebo's	31 Camille Esposito- B'day	